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1. ACCRA'S INITIAL SELF-HELP ALLOCATION FOR FY 78 OF DLS 10,000 HAS NOW BEEN OBLIGATED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DLS 350. OUR MODEST INITIAL ALLOCATION AND THE DESIRE TO MEET A GROWING NUMBER OF REQUESTS, HAS FORCED US TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF INFLATION IN GHANA THESE SMALL GRANTS, AVERAGING LESS THAN DLS 1500, HAVE LIMITED PURCHASING POWER.

2. WE HAVE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 11 ADDITIONAL PROJECTS, MOST OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PENDINV SOMETIME. THESE PROJECTS, TOTALING DLS 12,400 INCLUDE SCHOOLS, A CLINIC, A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, A SCHOOL FARM AND A RABBIT AND POULTRY PROJECT. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWING INTEREST IN SELF-HELP EFFORTS. A GRANT OF DOLS 12,000 FROM FALL-OUT FUNDS TOGETHER WITH THE UN-OBLIGATED DLS 350 WOULD ENABLE US TO FUND THESE WORTHY PROJECTS. HOLMES

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